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Title : Regarding matter related to the Office of Profit.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I have a request to the Central Government. Now, the Office of Profit held by a legislator has become a controversial subject. It has not been properly defined in any of the statutes. Some legislators may get an appointment of the State Government or some other Government agency. Whether it amounts to an Office of Profit is a matter to be decided.

MR. SPEAKER: There is a proper interpretation of the court.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, in the recent decision, in Shrimati Jaya Bachchan's case, *(Interruptions)* * has taken a decision on the

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recommendation of the Election Commission.

MR. SPEAKER: His name will not come on record.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, the matter is a controversial one and this is the right place to discuss as the Parliament alone can decide the matter regarding the question of Office of Profit.

I would request the Central Government to bring in a legislation by defining precisely what should be the Office of Profit and what will not amount to an Office of Profit. It should be made clear in the light of Shrimati Jaya Bachchan's case. There are also pending cases before the Election Commission. They are taking their decision according to their *(Interruptions)* *We cannot say that the Election Commission is not influenced by political consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: These words will not go on record.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Therefore, I would request the Central Government to bring in a legislation for being discussed in the House regarding the exact definition of the Office of Profit to be held by a legislator. This should not be left like this.